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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE USG/RTG AGREEMENT ON NARCOTICS

1. DEPT HAS BEEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF VICE PRESIDENT
SIGNING NEW PLEDGE OF NARCOTICS COOPERATION WITH RTG. THIS
WOULD PRESUMABLY BE A SHORT STATEMENT REAFFIRMING OUR
INTENTION TO CONTINUE CLOSE COOPERATION UNDER THE TERMS OF
THE 1971 JOINT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

2. IN OUR VIEW SUCH AN AGREEMENT COULD BE USEFUL IF THE
RTG WOULD SEE IT AS A CONCRETE SIGN OF CONTINUED USG
SUPPORT FOR THE THAI NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT. THERE
WOULD, OF COURSE, BE NOTHING IN THE JOINT STATEMENT THAT
WOULD COMMIT NEW USG RESOURCES TO THAILAND.

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3. REQUEST EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER RTG WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN SIGNING SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND WHETHER IT
WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A POSITIVE SIGN OF CONTINUED USG
SUPPORT FOR THAILAND'S NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS. CHRISTOPHER

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